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**MEMORANDUM FOR:**

**COMMERCIAL SPACE WORKING GROUP**

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**SUBJECT:**

Meeting on July 18, 1988

The next meeting of the Commercial Space Working Group will be held on July 18, 1988 at 2:00 pm in Room 324 of the Old Executive Office Building. This meeting is for principals plus one.

A proposed agenda is attached.

Attachment

## **COMMERCIAL SPACE WORKING GROUP**

**July 18, 1988 2:00pm**  
**OEGB Room 324**

### **AGENDA**

- I. Brief Reports**
  - Status of SIG-Telecom report on separate satellite restrictions
  - Assignments for reporting on status of commercial space policies and initiative
  - Secretary Baker's request for review of remaining barriers
  - Executive Order on Microgravity Research Board
- II. Report on Nelson Bill launch liability provisions**
- III. Foreign Launch Services: China**
  - Report on SIG-Space Meeting
  - Overview of trade and industrial base issue
  - Strategy
- IV. Foreign Launch Services: Europe**
  - Report on USTR consultations
  - Strategy

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## COMMERCIAL SPACE INITIATIVES and NATIONAL SPACE POLICY

### AGENCY ASSIGNMENTS

#### I. Expanding Human Presence Beyond Earth Orbit - NASA

#### II. COMMERCE IN SPACE

##### Promoting a Strong US Commercial Presence in Space

1. Private Sector Space Facility (CDSF) - NASA; with DoC, DoD and DoT
2. Spacehab - NASA
3. Microgravity Research Board - EPC; with NASA as Chair
4. External Tanks - NASA
5. Privatizing Space Station - NASA with OMB
6. Future Privatization - NASA
7. Remote Sensing - DoC

-STATUS: As part of the study of options for Landsat Follow-On Systems, DoC is examining potential for Federal Agency data purchases. This report will be completed in August to September, 1988 and presented to the CSWG at that time. The study is currently on schedule, with first draft reports received from the contractors.

##### Assuring a Highway to Space

8. Reliance on Private Launch Services -NASA, DoC, et. al.  
-DoC STATUS: NOAA has procured, through NASA, private launch services for GOES I-M.
9. Insurance Relief for Launch Providers - Administration has not assigned: DoT working with DoJ under OMB directive relative to Nelson Bill.
10. Private Launch Ranges - Administration has not assigned.
11. Vouchers for Research Payloads - NASA and DoT.

Building a Solid Technology and Talent Base

12. Space Technology Spin-Offs - NASA
  13. Federal Expertise on Loan to American Schools - Sabbatical year to teach - Not assigned: maybe OPM, working with NASA, DoC (NBS and NOAA), DoI (USGS), ???
  14. Educational Opportunities - DoE, with NASA, NSF and DoD.
  15. Protecting US Critical Technologies - Administration request to Congress; NASA ???
- III. CONTINUING THE NATIONAL COMMITMENT TO THE SPACE STATION - NASA